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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW, WB, UK, FR, UR, US

SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS

REF: BONN 6702

1. AT MAY 2 TRIPARTITE MEETING, FRENCH REP (PAYE) REPORTED THAT INTERIM PRESIDENT POHER HAD REPLIED TO HEINEMANN LETTER ON HESS. REPLY WAS ON LINES THAT POHER UNDERSTANDS REASONS FOR HEINEMANN LETTER, THAT HESS RELEASE REQUIRES FOUR POWER AGREEMENT - WHICH SOVIETS HAVE ALWAYS REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN, THAT HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES REFERRED TO IN LETTER SEEM TO JUSTIFY A NEW ATTEMPT VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS, AND THAT FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH UK AND U.S. WITH CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO HAVE COMMON DEMARCHE MADE IN MOSCOW.

2. AT BONN GROUP MEETING ON MAY 3, UK REP (CROMARTIE) PASSED OUT COPY OF QUEEN'S REPLY (DATED APRIL 20) TO  
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HEINEMANN. FOR YOUR INFO, TEXT GIVEN BELOW. BEGIN

TEXT:

I WAS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 4TH APRIL ABOUT RUDOLF  
HESS. FOR SOME YEARS PAST IT HAS BEEN THE WISH OF  
SUCCESSIVE BRITISH GOVERNMENTS THAT HESS SHOULD BE  
RELEASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. MY MINISTERS HAVE  
WORKED FOR AGREEMENT AMONG THE FOUR POWERS TO THIS END,  
BUT SO FAR WITHOUT AVAIL. YOU MAY REST ASSURED, MR.  
PRESIDENT, THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS WHENEVER  
AND HOWEVER APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT THEMSELVES.  
END TEXT.  
HILLENBRAND

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